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**Inquiry:** In the surgical environment at Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital, RCPs are currently giving antibiotics to pre-surgical patients, is this within our scope of practice? Clarification is being requested as to whether or not our actions are being supported by the RCB.

**Response:** In response to your inquiry regarding the administration of antibiotics to pre-surgical patients, be advised that there is no prohibition for activity in the Respiratory Care Practice Act (RCPA) or its regulations; that is, the RCPA is mute on this matter.

In response to your inquiry regarding clarification as to whether or not your actions are being supported by the RCB, be advised that there is no prohibition for activity in the RCPA or its regulations; that is, the RCPA is also mute on this matter.

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